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An Additional Act
For the better Observation of the
L O R D S D A Y.
Days of Humiliation and Thanksgiving.
Together with a Collection of former
L A W S, S T A T U T E S
A N D
O R D I N A N C E S
Now in force for Observation of the said Days.



Die Veneris, Decimo nono Aprilis, 1650.

ORdered by the Parliament, That this Act, Statutes and Ordinances, be forthwith Printed and published.

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the Parliament.

London, Printed by JOHN FIELD, Printer to
the Parliament of England. 1650.

A circular seal or stamp, likely a library or ownership mark, featuring a central shield with a cross and a harp, surrounded by decorative scrollwork and a circular border.

Printed by J. O. W. T. and P. in the
the Parliament of England. 1650.



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LORDSDAY,

DAYS OF

THANKSGIVING

AND

HUMILIATION.



For the more effectual Executing
of all such Laws, Statutes
and Ordinances of Parliament,
for the due Observation and
Sanctification of the Lords-
Day, Days of Publique hu-
miliation and Thanksgiving, and for the fur-
ther preventing the Prophanation thereof,
It is Enacted and Declared by this pre-
sent Parliament, and by the Authority of
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the same, That all and every High Constable, Petty Constable, Headborough, Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor, or other Officers, or any of the Governors of the Company of Watermen, upon their own view or knowledge of any the offence or offences committed or done against any Article, Clause or Provision of any the said Laws, Statutes or Ordinances; and all and every person & persons whatsoever, by Warrants from any Justice of Peace, Mayor, Bayliff or other Head Officer, are hereby authorized and required to seize and secure all such wares or Goods cryed, shewed forth or put to sale upon the days and times aforesaid, contrary to this present Act, or any Statute or Ordinance of Parliament, to the end proceedings may be thereupon had, according to the true intent and meaning of this present Act, or any of the said Laws, Statutes and Ordinances. And it is further Enacted, That no Traveller, Waggoner, Butcher, Higler, Drover, their or any of their servants, shall travel or come into his or their Inn or Lodging, after Twelve of the clock on any Saturday night; nor shall any person travel from his House, Inn or other place, till after one a clock on Monday morning, without good and urgent cause, not incurred through the neglect or occasion of the person so doing, to be allowed by any Justice of the Peace or Head Officer before whom complaint shall be made; upon pain that every such Traveller, Waggoner, Butcher, Higler, Drover and their servants, and also every Inn-keeper and Alehouse-keeper that shall so entertain him or them, shall each of them forfeit Ten shillings for every such offence. And if any Writ, Warrant or

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the Offenders Goods, and returning the overplus as aforesaid : And all other penalties imposed by this Act, for which no way of levying is provided by the said former Laws and Ordinances, shall be levied by Warrant from any one Justice of Peace, Major, Bayliff or Head-Officer, by distress and sale of the Offenders Goods; and for want of payment thereof, or such distress to be found, by setting the Offenders in the Stocks or Cage for the space of Six hours. And it is likewise Enacted and Declared, That all Judges, Justices of Assize, and Justices of Peace at their Assizes or Quarter-Sessions, shall in their several and respective Circuits and Courts give in charge to the Grand-Jury, to enquire of and present all neglects of Justices, Constables, and other Officers in the due execution of this present Act, and other Laws, Ordinances and Statutes made for the Observation of the Lords-day, and Days of Publique Fasting and Thanksgiving, who are hereby strictly commanded to present the same. And it is also hereby Enacted, That the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, Sheriffs and Justices of Peace of the City of London, County of Middlesex, and City of Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, together with the Heads and Governors of the several Inns of Court, and Chancery; and all and every Justice of Peace, Majors, Bayliffs, and other Head-Officers, and every of them, are hereby

hereby authorized and required to take a speedy and effectual course, by such means as they shall think most meet within their respective Jurisdiction, to restrain as aforesaid the prophana- tion of the said days; upon pain that the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Justices in London, and Middlesex, and Westminster, Heads of the several Inns of Court and Chancery, Ju- stices and other Head-Officers, which shall neg- lect to do what belongs to their several duties and places therein, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds, to be levied in such manner as the Fines imposed on Justices of Peace for their neglects are hereby appointed to be levied as aforesaid. And it is Enacted and Declared by the Autho- rity aforesaid, That this Act be forthwith print- ed, and bound up together with all the former Statutes and Ordinances now in force, for Ob- servation of the Lords-day, Publique Fasting and Thanksgiving days, and published by the Justice of Peace, or Chief Officer or Officers aforesaid, and read at their next Quarter Ses- sions, after they shall receive the same, and also by them sent unto, or left at the several Houses of the Ministers of the respective Parishes within their respective limits, who are hereby required and appointed in all the Churches and Chappels within this Commonwealth, publike- ly to read or cause to be read, all and every the said Statutes and Ordinances so bound up to- gether, the next Lords-day after he or they shall receive the same, before the morning Sermon; and that afterwards once every year (viz.) Up- on the first Lords-day in March before the morning Sermon, they read or cause to be read likewise this present, and the former Acts and Ordinan- ces aforesaid; the due performance whereof the

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and Justices of Peace and other Head-Officers
 are commanded to enquire after, and certifie the
 names of the persons making default in reading
 and publishing the premisses, according to this
 present Act, to the Speaker of the Parliament,
 and the intervals thereof, to the Council of
 State; and the Justices of Peace at their
 Quarter-Sessions, shall duly cause this Act,
 together with the said Statutes and Ordinances
 to be openly read. And it is lastly Enacted,
 That in any Action brought against any Ju-
 stice of Peace, Constable, or any other Officer
 or person acting or doing, or commanding to be
 acted or done any thing in pursuance of this or
 any former Law, Act or Ordinance now in
 force, touching or concerning any the offences or
 matters aforesaid, the Defendant in every such
 Action shall and may plead the General Issue,
 and give the special matter in Evidence; and up-
 on the Non-suit of the Plaintiff, or Verdict pas-
 sing for the Defendant, the party Defendant
 shall have and recover his and their treble costs,
 or at the Election of such party, shall have his
 reparation by the Committee of Parliament for
 Indemnity. And it is hereby Ordained, That
 all persons whatsoever shall be aiding and as-
 sisting to all Justices of Peace, Head-Officers,
 Constables, and other Officers and persons, in
 the execution of this or the said former Acts and
 Ordinances in and concerning the premisses.

Die Veneris, Decimo nono Aprilis, 1650.

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 forthwith Printed and published.

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the Parliament.

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Anno primo Jacobi Regis.

CAP. XXII.

The Duty of Shoe-makers.

NO Cordwainer or Shoe-maker shall shew, to the intent to put to sale, any Shoes, Boots, Buskins, Startups, Slippers or Pantofles, upon the Sunday, upon pain of Forfeiture for every pair of Shoes, Boots, Buskins, Startups, Slippers and Pantofles, made, sold, shewed or put to sale, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, Three shillings four pence, and the just and full value of the same.

Anno primo Caroli Regis.

CAP. I.

There shall be no Assemblies for Unlawful Pastimes upon the Lords-Day. *and 123.*

FOrasmuch as there is nothing more acceptable to God, then the true and sincere Service and worship of him according to his holy will; and that the holy keeping of the Lords-day, is a principal part of the true Service of God, which in very many places of this Realm hath been, and now is profaned and neglected by a disorderly sort of people, in exercising or frequenting Bear-baiting, Bull-baiting, Enterludes, Common plays, and other unlawful exercises and Pastimes upon the Lords-Day: And

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For that many quarrels, blood-sheds, and other great inconveniences have grown, by the resort and concourse of people going out of their own Parishes to such disordered and unlawful Exercises and Pastimes, neglecting divine worship both in their own Parishes and elsewhere; Be it Enacted by the Kings most excellent Majesty, and the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after Forty days next after the end of this Session of Parliament, there shall be no Meetings, Assemblies or concourse of people out of their own Parishes on the Lords-day within this Realm of England, or any the Dominions thereof, for any Sports or Pastimes whatsoever, nor any Bear-baiting, Bull-baiting, Enteriudes, Common-plays, or other unlawful exercises and pastimes used by any person or persons within their own Parishes; and that every person and persons offending in any the premises, shall forfeit for every offence three shillings four pence, the same to be employed and converted to the use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed: And that if any one Justice of the Peace of the County, or the chief Officer or Officers of any City, Borough or Town Corporate where such offence shall be committed, upon his or their view, or confession of the party, or proof of any one or more Witnesses by Oath, which the said Justice, or chief Officer or Officers shall by vertue of this Act have authority to minister, shall finde any person offending in the premises, the said Justice or chief officer or officers shall give Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, to the Constables, or Churchwardens of the parish or parishes where such offence shall be

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committed, to levy the said penalty so to be assessed, by way of distress and sale of the Goods of every such offender, rendring to the said offenders the overplus of the money raised of the said Goods so to be sold: And in default of such distress, that the party offending be set publicly in the stocks by the space of three hours; And that if any man be sued or impeached for the execution of this Law, he shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the said matter of Justification in Evidence. *2000 of*
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3 hours.
 Provided, That no man be impeached by this Act, except he be called in question within one moneth next after the said offence committed. *to be questioned*
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 Provided also, That the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within this Realm, or any the Dominions thereof, by vertue of this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not be abridged; but that the Ecclesiastical Court may punish the said Offences, as if this Act had not been made.

Anno tertio Caroli Regis.

C A P. I.

A Restraint of divers Abuses committed

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FOrasmuch as the Lords-Day, commonly called Sunday, is much broken and profaned by Carriers, Waggoners, Carters, Wainmen, Butchers and Drovers of Cattel, to the great dishonor of God, and reproach of Religion; Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most excellent Majesty, and the Lords and Commons

mons in this present Parliament assembled, and
 by the Authority of the same, That no Carrier
 With any horse or horses, nor Waggon-men With
 any Waggon or Waggon, nor Carmen With
 any cart or carts, nor Wainmen With any Wain
 or Wains, nor Drover With any Cattel, shall af-
 ter forty days next after the end of this present
 Session of Parliament, by themselves or any
 other, travel upon the said day; upon pain that
 every person and persons so offending, shall lose
 and forfeit Twenty shillings for every such of-
 fence: Or if any Butcher by himself, or any
 other for him, by his privity or consent, shall
 after the end of the said Forty days, kill or sell
 any victual upon the said day; that then every
 such Butcher shall forfeit and lose for every such
 Offence the Sum of Six shillings and eight
 pence; the said offences and every of them being
 done in view of any Justice of the Peace, Ma-
 jor or other Head-Officer of any City or Town
 Corporate, within their limits respectively, or be-
 ing proved upon oath by two or more witnesses,
 or by the confession of the party offending, be-
 fore any such Justice, Major or Head-Officer
 within their several limits respectively, wherein
 such offence shall be committed: To which end
 every such Justice, Major or Head-Officer shall
 have power by this Act to minister an Oath to
 such witness or witnesses; all which sums or pe-
 nalties shall or may be levied by any Constable
 or Churchwarden, by Warrant from any such
 Justice or Justices of the Peace, Major or other
 Head-Officer as aforesaid, within their several
 limits, where such offence shall be committed
 or done, by distress and sale of the Offenders
 Goods, rendering to the party the overplus; or
 shall be recovered by any person or persons that
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 mation, in any of his Majesties Courts of Re- *plant or*
 cord, in any City or Town Corporate, before his *informa^{tion}*
 Majesties Justices of the Peace, in their gene-
 ral Sessions of the Peace : All which Forfei-
 tures shall be employed to and for the use of the *by 2^d of*
 poor of the parishes where the said offences shall *7th of 1st*
 be committed or done ; saving onely that it shall
 be lawful to and for any such Justice, Mayor or *power to*
 Head-Officer, out of the said Forfeitures to re- *ward no*
 ward any such person or persons that shall in- *depend^{ent}*
 form or otherwise prosecute any person or per- *3rd of 1st*
 sons offending against this present Act, accord-
 ing to their discretion, so that such reward ex-
 ceed not the third part of the Forfeiture. Pro-
 vided, That such Bill, Plaint or Information
 shall be commenced, sued and prosecuted in the
 County, City or Town Corporate where such
 offence shall be committed and done, and not
 elsewhere ; wherein no Essoign, Protection or
 Wager of Law shall be allowed to the Defen-
 dant. Provided always, That it shall be law-
 ful for any Constable or Churchwarden, that
 shall have any Suit or Action brought against
 them for any distress by them or any of them, to
 be taken by force of this present Act, to plead the
 General Issue, and to give the special matter in
 Evidence. Provided likewise, That no person
 or persons whatsoever, shall be impeached by
 this Act, unless he be thereof questioned within *quod^{est} in*
 six moneths after the offence committed. Pro- *month*
 vided further, That this Act shall not in any
 sort abridge or take away the Authority of the
 Court Ecclesiastical.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the better observation of the Lords-Day.

FOrasmuch as the Lords-day, notwithstanding several good Laws heretofore made, hath been not onely greatly prophaned, but divers ungodly Books have been published by the Prelatical Faction, against the Morality of that day, and to countenance the prophanation of the same, to the manifest indangering of souls, prejudice of the true Religion, great dishonour of Almighty God, and provocation of his just Wrath and indignation against this Land; the Lords and Commons for Remedy thereof, Do Order and Ordain, and be it Ordered and Ordained, That all the Laws enacted and in force concerning the Observation of the Lords-day, be carefully put in Execution; and that all and singular person and persons whatsoever, shall on every Lords-day apply themselves to the Sanctification of the same, by exercising themselves thereon, in the Duties of Piety and true Religion, publickely and privately: And that no person or persons whatsoever, shall publickely cry, shew forth or expose to sale, any Wares, Merchandizes, Fruit, Herbs, Goods or Chattels whatsoever, upon the Lords-day, or any part thereof; upon pain that every person so offending, shall forfeit the same goods so cryed, shewed forth or put to sale: And that no person or persons whatsoever, shall without reasonable cause for the same, travel, carry burthens, or do any worldly labors or work whatsoever, upon that day or any part thereof; upon pain that every one travelling contrary to the meaning of this

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this Ordinance, shall forfeit for every offence Ten shillings of lawful money; and that every person carrying any burthen, or doing any worldly labor or work, contrary to the meaning hereof, shall forfeit five shillings of like money for every such offence.

And be it further Ordained, That no person or persons shall hereafter upon the Lords-Day, use, exercise, keep, maintain, or be present at any wrestlings, Shooting, Bowling, Ringing of Bells for pleasure or pastime, Masque, Wake, otherwise called Feasts, Church-Ale, Dancing, Games, Sport or Pastime whatsoever; upon pain that every person so offending, being above the Age of Fourteen years, shall lose and forfeit five shillings for every such offence.

And be it further Ordained, That all and singular person and persons, that have the care, government, tuition or education of any childe or children, under or within the Age of Fourteen years, shall forfeit and lose Twelve pence for every of the said offences that shall be committed by any such childe and children.

And because the prophanation of the Lords-day, hath been heretofore greatly occasioned by May-poles (a heathenish vanity, generally abused to Superstition and wickedness) The Lords and Commons do further Order and Ordain, That all and singular May-poles, that are and shall be erected, shall be taken down and removed by the Constables, Borsholders, Tything-men, petty Constables and Churchwardens of the Parishes and places where the same be; and that no May-pole shall be hereafter set up, erected or suffered to be within this Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales.

And it is further Ordained, That if any of

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the said Officers shall neglect to do their Office in the premises, within one week after notice of this Ordinance, every of them for such neglect shall forfeit five shillings of lawful Moneys, and so from week to week, weekly five shillings more afterwards, till the said May-pole shall be taken down and removed.

And that if any Justice of the Peace of the County, or the chief Officer or Officers, or any Justice of the Peace of or within any City, Borough or Town Corporate, where the said Offences shall be committed, upon his or their view or confession of the party, or proof of any one or more witnesses by Oath (which the said Justice, Chief Officer or Officers, is authorized by this Ordinance to minister) shall finde any person offending in the premises, the said Justice or chief Officer or Officers, shall give warrant under his or their hand and Seal, to the Constables or Churchwardens of the Parish or Parishes, where such offence shall be committed, to seize the said Goods cryed, shewed forth, or put to sale as aforesaid and to levy the said other forfeitures or penalties, by way of distress and sale of the Goods of every such Offender, rendering to the said Offenders the overplus of the Moneys raised thereby; And in default of such distress, or in case of Insufficiency, or Inability of the offender to pay the said Forfeitures or Penalties, that the party offending be set publicly in the Stocks by the space of three hours. And all & singular the forfeitures or penalties aforesaid, shall be employed and converted to the use of the Poor of the parish where the said offences shall be committed; saving onely, that it shall and may be lawful to, and for any such Justice, Mayor or Head Officer or Officers, out of the said

said forfeitures or penalties, to reward any person or persons that shall inform of any Offence against this Ordinance, according to their discretions; so as such reward exceed not the third part of the forfeiture or penalties.

And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That the Kings Declaration concerning obseruation of wakes, and use of exercise and recreation upon the Lords-Day; the Book entituled, The Kings Majesties Declaration to His Subjects concerning lawful Sports to be used; and all other Books and Pamphlets that have been or shall be Written, printed or published against the morality of the fourth Commandment, or of the Lords-Day, or to countenance the prophanation thereof, be called in, seized and suppressed, and publicquely burnt by the Justices of Peace, or some or one of them, or by the chief Officer or Officers aforesaid, in their severall limits, or by their Warrant or Command. Provided, and be it Declared, That nothing in this Ordinance shall extend to the prohibiting or dressing of Meat in private Families, or the dressing and sale of Victuals in a moderate way in Inns or Victualling-Houses; for the use of such as otherwise cannot be provided for; or to the crying and selling of Milk before Nine of the clock in the morning, or after Four of the clock in the afternoon, from the Tenth of September, till the Tenth of March; or before the Eight of the clock in the morning, or after Five of the clock in the afternoon, from the Tenth of March; till the Tenth of September.

And whereas there is great breach of the Sabbath by Rogues, Vagabonds, and Beggars, it is further Ordained, That the Lord Mayor of the City of London, and all Justices of Peace,

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Constables, Churchwardens and other Officers and Ministers whatsoever, shall from time to time cause all Laws against Rogues, Vagabonds and Beggars to be put in due execution; and take order that all Rogues, Vagabonds and Beggars, do on every Sabbath-Day repair to some Church or Chappel, and remain there soberly and orderly during the time of Divine worship: And that all and singular person and persons, that shall do any thing in the execution of this Ordinance, shall be protected and saved harmless by the Power and Authority of Parliament.

And be it further Ordained, That this Ordinance be printed and published, and read in all Parish Churches and Chappels, before the Sermon in the morning, on some Lords-Day before the first of May next, on the South-side of Trent, and before the first of June next, on the North-side of Trent.

Die Sabbathi, 6 Aprilis, 1644.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance be printed and published, and read in all Churches and Chappels, before the Sermon in the morning on some Lords-Day before the first of May next, on the South-side of Trent; and before the first of June next, on the North-side of Trent.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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